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A full and True
R E L A T I O N
Of the strange and wonderful
A P P A R I T I O N S,

Which were seen in the Clouds, upon Tuesday Evening at Seven of the Clock till three of the Clock on Wednesday Morning, being the 6th and 7th of March, 1715 16; giving an Account how there was first seen Dark Clouds, the appearance of a terrible Man, Flaming Swords, Blazing Comets, Fiery Balls, Sheets of Fire, Armies of Men and Horses, fiercely engaging for several Hours together. To which is added, Dr. Flamsteed's Opinion concerning every individual Point.

Astra Regunt Homines, sed Regit astra Deus.



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A Full and True Relation,

Of the strange and Wonderful Apparitions which were seen in the Clouds upon *Tuesday Night at 7 of the Clock*, till three of the Clock on *Wednesday Morning*; being the 7th of this Instant *March, 1715-16.* Together with Dr. *Flamstead's Opinion upon every Individual Point.*

UPON *Tuesday Evening about seven of the Clock*, there appeared a great Cloud raising like a Mist, which seem'd to hang just over Lincolns-Inns-Field; and in the Cloud the shape of a Man standing upright, and having in his right Hand a flaming Sword, his Countenance was very fierce and terrible.

Explanation. The Cloud arising like a Mist, shews the Darkness of some People Consciences, which seek to destroy both Church and State, the Man which appeared therein is a certain great Man, who as he seem'd to stand upright but in a Cloud, so is his Actions in reality, are black, tho' he seems to be an upright Man, it only denotes him an aspiring one: As he carried in his Right Hand a Flaming Sword, it signified that his Heart is full of Envy, heat, and Fury, seeking the Destruction of all Love and Charity, and as his Countenance was fierce and terrible, so is his design Malicious, Furious and Revengeful.

Then appeared two Blazing Stars or Comnets, which pointed against each other, with great Fury and Violence.

Explanation. The Two Stars or rather Comnets, are Two great Men, who bear Hatred and

and Malice aginst one another, and will do what they possibly can to undermine defeat and destroy each others Intentions; for the accomplishing of which they will spare no Cost, Labour, nor Pains, forasmuch as they blazed forth, it shews the exhausting of their Powers, Wealth, and Strength, it farther more shews the Zeal, Ardor, and Heat, wherewith they will contend, which Fire, signifies.

Then about half an Hour afterwards the Clouds opened, and a great Ball of Fire appeared, which Ball darted several great Beams or Ray like unto those of the Sun, they being very little inferior in Lustre, the Beams issuing from it pointing Eastward, Westward, Northward, and Southward, and then circled round into Inclosures, the Points folding or turning inwards, leaving a Sheet or rather a Globe of Fire hanging from its Center, and bending its Point to the South.

Explanation. The Clouds opening denotes the Hearts of the People to be discovered, the Fiery Ball descended does signify the Passion, Fury and Rage wherewith they will encounter when they shall meet one another: The Beams or Rays darted from it signifies the great Numbers that they'll engage each Party: Their great Lustre declares the seeming right on both Parties; as to their pointing Eastward, Westward, Northward, and Southward, does presage this Commotion to be almost if not quite Universal, onely we observe that at first there were two Comets which has has Illusion to the Turks and Christians, who will fight with great Resolution, and from thence the whole World seems to be inflamed: Their Circuling round into an Enclosure, and folding inwards prognosticates the great Debates there will arise among Mankind in general: The Sheet or Gote

Globe of Fire hanging in the Center foretells the Vemency and Rage, which is between the contending Parties, but forasmuch as they at last turn'd all to one Point it plainly foretells, that the Hearts of Mankind will at last be in Unity, Love, Concord, and Agreement, and that they will all bend their Resolution one way with Ardor, Zeal, and Affection, and furthermore its pointing to the South signifies that the Turks shall see the Light of the Gospel, which shines like the Sun at Noon-Day.

Then appeared in the Sky two great Armies which contained Thousands of Men and Horses, these seemed fiercely to Encounter each other, and the Battle seemed long and doubtful, as if Fortune was in debate with herself, not knowing to whom she would give the Victory.

Explanation. The two great Armies which appear'd are two great Armies, which will meet, and as they contained such a vast Number of Men, so will those likewise be strong, mighty and powerful: As these seemed to be engaged with great obstinacy, Fury and Courage, so will those fight with as great Resolution, Bravery and Spirit, as the Battle was long and tedious, so will their Conflict and Encounter be no short Dispute, but terrible and lasting, for Fortune was in debate with herself to whom she should attribute the Victory, so will the most powerful Princes in Europe be at a stand with themselves to concert with whom they had best to joyn.

This heat lasted till Eleven of the Clock, which wheg it was a little abated ; and the Armies seemed to be separated, there appeared a continual Stream of Fire which darted from the North-East, to the South-West with great Fierceness, to the Astonishment of all that beheld it. For it was

Meteor or Vapour raised from a Natural Cause, but something Supernatural, strange, frightful, astonishing and amazing, as is testified by Thousands of People.

Explanation. As the Heat of the Battle lasted till Eleven of the Clock, a long and tedious Fight, so the Heat and Fury of the War which it portends will last 11 Months ; during which Time, no King, Prince, Power, or Potentate whatsoever, will know, which of the two contending Parties they had best to side with, both of them seeming to be equal in Power, equal in Strength, equal in Wealth, equal in Birth and Parentage, and equal in Right, this thereof, to me seems in a particular manner to belong to POLAND, where there are two Kings, or at least Titular ones.

The Armies separating about Twelve of the Clock, denotes, that in or about a Twelvemonth's Time they will be pretty well wearied with Fighting, and will withdraw themselves, and as neither seemed to conquer, so will the matter be still in debate, and as there afterwards seemed to be a continual Flame of Fire, darting itself ; in a long Stream from the North-ward, or North-East-ward, so will some Prince lying towards those Points endeavour to blow the Coals, and raise that Fire up to a Head, which before was but a kindling ; and as it came to the South or Southward with great Fury, Fierceness and Violence, so will those Northern Princes like a Torrent, at once pour down their Men into the West which shall suffer a great deal, or at least the Southwestern Parts, for it is remarkable that it was towards that Point that the Flames or Fire generally darted and vented all its Force and Strength, and tho' there was some Opposition

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made, yet it was but languid, feeble, weak and faint, and the repulse it gave not even sufficient for to Act the diffusive Part, for the other continually got Ground. But at first the Blazing Comnets, or Stars branched forth themselves with many and various streams, which were of divers Colours like a Rain-bow : Green, Red, Blue, Yellow, White, &c.

Explanation. As the Comnets or Blazing Stars darted forth such Diversity of Colours in their Streams, so their will be People of many divers and sundry Opinions concern'd, and different Constitutions. The Green denotes the Vigour and Vehemency wherewith they will encounter who are engag'd in that War; the red signifies the Anger, Rage and Fury of another; the Blew declares the Constancy, and Resolution of a third; the Yellow the Jealousy, Fears, Dread and Apprehension of a fourth; and the while the Innocency, Integrity, Zeal, Constancy, Resolution, Courage, Fortitude and Valour of the fifth Arm'd with Justice. Then there were seen Two Flam-Swords, which lay a Cross each other, these Swords were very strange and wonderful to behold, their Flames being of a Prodigious length, and extreamly Red like Blood.

Explanation. These Two words signify two Great Kings aiming to be reveng'd upon one another, the one's being a cross the other, signifies, that one shall oppress the other very much, but as they were both red like Blood, it prognosticates, that they will be both wounded, and both great Sufferers, and as they continued a long Time in the same Posture it portends that their Dispute will be no less tedious than desperate.

Then there arose a great Light darting in the Sky like Halberts, Swords, Dazzlers, Piks, Spears,

&c.

&c. This Light arose very low but ascended upward, and lasted till three of the Clock in the Morning.

Explaination, The Light arising Signifies that the Eyes of some People will be open'd, who shall come to the Assistance one of the twocontending Parties before mention'd, the Halberts, Daggers, Spears and Pikes, which issued from it does manifestly foretel their Warlike Instruments which they will bring with them. The rising low and ascending up to the Sky, Signifies that their Courage, Resolution, Anger and Spight will heighten and encrease, and as it lasted till three of the Clock the next Morning, it implies that till one of the Old Combatants is dead, and a Son of his, or some next Heir come to the Crown their will be no Peace. This is my Judgment particularly belongs to Spain : where there may arise such Debates very easily as will not end but in the Death of one of them, for if the young King of France should die, 'twill in all appearance create the Effusion of much Blood.

Thus I have given a full and true Relation of all the wonderfull, strange and amazings Things which were seen, I have not here related a Fable of Factious Matter, but what is attested by several Thousand and I my self was a Spectators and have made those Observations, which I have thought fit to publish to the World. Many strange and surprizing Sights were seen in the Air, before the Civil Wars in England, God now preserve her from the like unhappiness ; 'Tis the part of every good Christian to consider what they do, when by their Malice, Envy and Hatred, to each other, they sow the Seeds of Discord, and kindle the Coals of Rebellion , they had bet-

ter employ their Time in humbly Petitioning God that he would not pour down his Vengeance for their manifold Sins and Transgressions than to promote Envy and Hatred, therefore, I recommend this following Prayer to be constantly said, by all Pious and well meaning Christians.



The P R A Y E R.

O G O D, of thy Infinite Mercy, save and spare thy Servants, and turn away the Scourges which for our Sins we deserve ; O good G O D, be merciful unto me and deliver me from sudden and unprovided Death, that when it please thy Divine Goodness to call upon me, you may find me fitted for thy Heavenly Mansions, let me be the Servant found so doing, let me be one of the Virgins whose Lamp was Trim'd and ready to enter with the Bridegroom into the Marriage Chamber : Let me at the latter Day receive the sweet and comfortable Sentence ; *Come ye blessed enter into the Kingdom of my Father, which was prepar'd for you from the Foundation of the World :* This I beg for Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour's sake, Amen.

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